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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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March 17, 2003

**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 03-032**  
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Susan Smith Palmer  
Cottage Place on Squam Lake, LLC  
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Ashland, NH 03217

Subject: Holderness - Public Water System: Cottage Place on Squam Lake (EPA# 168010)

Dear Ms. Palmer:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Cottage Place on Squam Lake water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

**January 2003 and February 2003**

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- By March 31, 2003**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
- 2 **By April 14, 2003**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report which shall include recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and
- 3 **By April 28, 2003**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

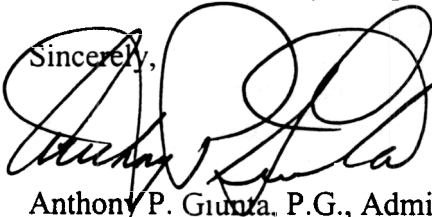
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The copy of the consultant's written report **and the implementation schedule** as requested above should be addressed as follows:

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Water Supply Engineering Bureau  
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Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854, or by e-mail at [aleach@des.state.nh.us](mailto:aleach@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Giunta', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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